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Short Title: Teen Dating Violence Prevention Act. (Public)

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EDUCATION OF NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL
3 STUDENTS ABOUT TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-81 reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 115C-81. Basic Education Program.**

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8 (e1) School Health Education Program to Be Developed and Administered.

9 (1) A comprehensive school health education program shall be developed and
10 taught to pupils of the public schools of this State from kindergarten through
11 ninth grade. This program includes age-appropriate instruction in the
12 following subject areas, regardless of whether this instruction is described
13 as, or incorporated into a description of, "family life education", "family
14 health education", "health education", "family living", "health", "healthful
15 living curriculum", or "self-esteem":

- 16 a. Mental and emotional health;
17 b. Drug and alcohol abuse prevention;
18 c. Nutrition;
19 d. Dental health;
20 e. Environmental health;
21 f. Family living;
22 g. Consumer health;
23 h. Disease control;
24 i. Growth and development;
25 j. First aid and emergency care, including the teaching of
26 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich maneuver by
27 using hands-on training with mannequins so that students become
28 proficient in order to pass a test approved by the American Heart
29 Association, or American Red Cross;
30 k. Preventing sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, and
31 other communicable diseases;
32 l. Reproductive health and safety education; ~~and~~
33 m. Bicycle safety-safety; and
34 n. Teen dating violence and abuse.



1 As used in this subsection, "HIV/AIDS" means Human
2 Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

- 3 (2) The State Board of Education shall supervise the development and operation
4 of a statewide comprehensive school health education program including
5 curriculum development, in-service training provision and promotion of
6 collegiate training, learning material review, and assessment and evaluation
7 of local programs in the same manner as for other programs. The State
8 Board of Education shall adopt objectives for the instruction of the subject
9 areas listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection that are appropriate for each
10 grade level. In addition, the State Board shall approve textbooks and other
11 materials incorporating these objectives that local school administrative units
12 may purchase with State funds. The State Board of Education, through the
13 Department of Public Instruction, shall, on a regular basis, review materials
14 related to these objectives, and distribute these reviews to local school
15 administrative units for their information.

- 16 ...
17 (4a) Each local school administrative unit shall also include as part of the
18 instruction required under subdivision (4) of this subsection the following
19 instruction:

- 20 a. Teaches about sexually transmitted diseases. Instruction shall include
21 how sexually transmitted diseases are and are not transmitted, the
22 effectiveness and safety of all federal Food and Drug Administration
23 (FDA)-approved methods of reducing the risk of contracting sexually
24 transmitted diseases, and information on local resources for testing
25 and medical care for sexually transmitted diseases. Instruction shall
26 include the rates of infection among pre-teen and teens of each
27 known sexually transmitted disease and the effects of contracting
28 each sexually transmitted disease. In particular, the instruction shall
29 include information about the effects of contracting the Human
30 Papilloma Virus, including sterility and cervical cancer.
- 31 b. Teaches about the effectiveness and safety of all FDA-approved
32 contraceptive methods in preventing pregnancy.
- 33 c. Teaches awareness of dating violence and abuse, sexual assault,
34 sexual abuse, and risk reduction. The instruction and materials shall:
- 35 1. Focus on healthy ~~relationships~~relationships, including the
36 characteristics of healthy relationships.
 - 37 2. Teach students what constitutes sexual assault and sexual
38 abuse, the causes of those behaviors, and risk reduction.
 - 39 2a. Teach students the definition of dating violence and abuse,
40 the warning signs of dating violence and abusive behavior,
41 and measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse.
 - 42 3. Inform students about resources and reporting procedures if
43 they experience ~~sexual assault or sexual abuse~~dating violence
44 or abuse, sexual assault, or sexual abuse.
 - 45 4. Examine common misconceptions and stereotypes about
46 dating violence and abuse, sexual assault and sexual abuse.

47 Materials used in this instruction shall be age appropriate for use with
48 students. Information conveyed during the instruction shall be objective and
49 based upon scientific research that is peer reviewed and accepted by
50 professionals and credentialed experts in the field of sexual health education.
51 Each local board of education shall adopt a policy and provide a mechanism

1 to allow a parent or a guardian to withdraw his or her child from instruction
2 required under this subdivision.

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4 **SECTION 2.** Subchapter VI of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended
5 by adding a new Article to read:

6 "Article 29D.

7 "Student Dating Violence and Abuse Prevention.

8 **"§ 115C-407.25 Policy against dating violence and abuse.**

9 Not later than January 1, 2013, each local board of education shall adopt and implement a
10 dating violence and abuse policy. The policy shall do the following:

- 11 (1) Prohibit dating violence and abuse by any student on school property, during
12 a school-sponsored activity, or during school-sponsored transportation.
- 13 (2) Provide procedures for responding to such incidents of dating violence or
14 abuse, including accommodations for students experiencing dating violence
15 or abuse.
- 16 (3) Define dating violence and abuse and provide for a teen dating violence and
17 abuse component in the reproductive health and safety education program
18 set forth in G.S. 115C-81(e1)(c).
- 19 (4) Be implemented in a manner that is integrated with each school district's
20 discipline policies."

21 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
22 the 2012-2013 school year.